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President Reagan improving rapidly

WASHINGTON, April 1 (Agencies) — President Reagan, rapidly recovering from a bullet wound in the chest, took a walk in his hospital room Wednesday and an aide said the president might return to the White House next week.

A White House statement said Reagan, hit in the left lung in an assassination attempt Monday, had been moved out of the George Washington University Hospital intensive care unit and that he had taken a short walk.

It said the president was in good condition but experiencing some pain and fatigue. He had slept well during the night after staying up until 11 p.m. to watch some of the Hollywood Academy Awards ceremonies on television.

White House Chief of Staff James Baker said he visited the president Wednesday and left him sitting in a chair eating breakfast. He said he hoped the president would be out of the hospital sometime next week.

Officials said the president wanted to carry out a promise to throw out the first ball of the baseball season at a game between the Cincinnati Reds and Philadelphia Phillies in Cincinnati next Wednesday. The Cincinnati trip would be impossible, they said, but the president intended to hold scheduled meetings with Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo in



LOOK OF CONCERN: America's First Lady Nancy Reagan wears a look of concern Wednesday as she leaves George Washington University Hospital after visiting President Ronald Reagan.

Can Brezhnev be attacked?

MOSCOW, April 1 (AFP) — An attack against Leonid Brezhnev similar to that on United States President Ronald Reagan Monday "is impossible," Soviet observers here said Wednesday, apparently forgetting, or unaware of, a 1969 incident in which a soldier shot at their president in front of the Kremlin.

The attack on Reagan in Washington was simply another symbol of America's violent society to the Soviet official and the man in the street. Indeed, commented the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* Monday: "In the United States, nobody is safe, neither the ordinary man nor the statesman."

Several factors peculiar to the Soviet Union reduce the chances of success of any attack such as the 1969 Kremlin incident in which a deranged Soviet soldier tried to assassinate Brezhnev but shot at the wrong car, killing a driver instead.

First, the mentally unbalanced are known, and Detacork, the soldier, was taken a mental asylum and remains there. Second, Brezhnev does not travel as often as American presidents, and never plunges into crowds. His only regular public appearances are for May 1 (May Day, a workers' holiday) and November 7, the anniversary of the Russian revolution.

Tight security around Giscard

PARIS, April 1 (R) — France has tightened security precautions around President Valery Giscard d'Estaing following the attempt on the life of President Reagan.

"The assassination of President Kennedy and the dozen attempts to kill General de Gaulle are ever present in our minds, and we are taking no chances," a senior French police official said. "But everyone knows there is no 100 per cent effective protection" he added.

Police problems are confounded by the tendency of some leaders to downgrade security precautions. President Giscard d'Estaing said on television he did not believe in extra special security measures, particularly during his frequent trips in the current French election campaign.

The French president, like De Gaulle before him, often breaks with protocol and wades into the crowds, shaking hands with the elderly and kissing children.

Ronald Reagan
March 31 1981

Ronald Reagan
April 20 1981

PRESIDENTIAL SIGNATURES: These are copies of President Ronald Reagan's signatures as they appeared below, on a White House memo he signed Jan. 20, 1981 and, above, on a diary page support bill signed in his hospital bed at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday morning in Washington.

Kingdom deplors Reagan murder bid

RIVADH, April 1 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has deplored the assassination attempt against the life of American President Ronald Reagan. In separate cables to the president published Wednesday King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd said "we were greatly disturbed by the news of the criminal attack on your excellency and on some other aides."

The cables added that "while we express our deep concern and strong condemnation for this malicious action, we thank God for your surviving the attempt and implore the Almighty God for your speedy recovery."

the Mexican border late this month. Doctors did not think he would fully recover until mid-June.

Baker said it was business as usual at the White House, the president being fully capable of taking decisions in the hospital. Vice President George Bush was carrying out his engagements and holding command authority to respond to any emergency. Reagan had signed an executive order Wednesday morning and some nomination of government officials Tuesday night, he said.

Baker said Press Secretary James Brady, shot in the head, was also making a fast recovery. Brady, who underwent brain surgery, spoke for the first time since the shooting and was able to move his arms and legs, the White House statement said.

Psychiatrists are examining John Hinckley, (Continued on back page)

Thailand premier toppled in coup

BANGKOK, April 1 (Agencies) — Thailand was faced with two governments after an early Wednesday morning coup against Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda, and Prem's vow from a northeast army base that he would fight to keep his government in power. He issued an ultimatum to the coup leaders to surrender.

However, they ignored the 10 a.m. deadline set by him, saying they had "20 times" more troops than Prem. Gen. Sant Chitpatima, the coup leader and head of the revolutionary committee, said the committee was not negotiating with Prem at the moment.

The coup came at 2 a.m. (1900 GMT) Tuesday. Radio Thailand announced an hour later that a "revolutionary council" of senior military officers had taken over the government, deposed Prem, suspended the constitution and dismissed the cabinet.

The announcement said the deputy army commander, Gen. Sant Chitpatima, would head the council, and that Prem had resigned both as prime minister and army commander.

However, a few hours later, Prem met with King Bhumipol Adulyadej at his Bangkok palace, and the prime minister and the entire royal family flew to the Suranare army base in northeast Thailand, headquarters of the Thai second army. There, Prem announced on regional radio that he had not resigned and would fight the coup, with his headquarters at the base, 150 miles (240 kms) northeast of the capital.

Prem claimed the four Thai regional armies behind him, and the King and Royal family were under his protection. In Bangkok, the revolutionary council announced it had taken over because of the deterioration of Thai society caused by an ineffectual bureaucracy; a rising crime rate, inflation and the eroding of the country's moral values. In a lengthy statement published in a Bangkok newspaper and read later by Sant on the state-owned television network, the council promised to eliminate lawlessness and to

Belgium freezes prices for April

BRUSSELS, April 1 (Agencies) — The government has announced that prices of all products will be frozen for one month starting Thursday.

"In the current economic and financial situation of the country, the minister judged this measure to be helpful," a spokesman for Economic Affairs Minister Willy Cleas said Wednesday. The decision was made at a brief cabinet meeting Tuesday at which the government of Premier Wilfried Martens, a Flemish Christian Democrat, decided to tender its resignation after the socialist coalition members rejected a proposal to temporarily freeze wages without freezing prices for at least three months.

It was not immediately clear if the one-month freeze of prices could heal the rift within Martens' center-left coalition. Meanwhile Wednesday, King Baulouin began consultations with Belgium's political, union and industry leaders to see if the government crisis cannot be resolved soon. His consultations are expected to last through Thursday. In the meantime, the monarch will hold the resignation of the government in abeyance, a palace spokesman said.

Central bank officials Tuesday, said they used 13,000 million Belgian francs (\$400 million) to keep the currency at its floor rate within the European Monetary System (EMS).

'Ordinary People' gets Oscar awards

LOS ANGELES, April 1 (Agencies) — Robert de Niro and Sissy Spacek won Hollywood Oscar Awards Tuesday night for best actor and actress for their portrayals of real-life people in *Raging Bull* and *Coal Miner's Daughter*.

But *Ordinary People*, a tense film about family split by the death of a son, got the biggest haul of awards, including one for best picture and another for actor Robert Redford in his debut as a director. Presentation of the Oscar, chosen by film industry members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, had been delayed for 24 hours because of the wounding of President Reagan in an assassination attempt.

But the audience was told Reagan had a television set taken into his hospital that he could watch the show. In a brief message videotaped before he was shot, the former actor said "Film is forever" and "I've been trapped in some film forever myself."

For de Niro, a shy man but an intense actor who trained for a year in the gymnasium for his brutal portrayal of former world middleweight boxing champion Jake Lamotta in *Raging Bull*, the big prize came after a long wait.

He had won an Oscar for best supporting actor for *The Godfather - Part II* and had been nominated for best acting awards for *Taxi Driver* and *The Deer Hunter*.

While Lamotta watched in the audience, Niro, 37, said: "I hope I can share this (award) with anyone who it means anything to I love you."

The Fly, a film by Pannonina of Budapest, won over *All Nothing*, produced by Fredrick Back, and *History Of The World In Three Minutes Flat*, produced by Michael Mills.

Reagan's address, filmed several days ago, was used at the president's request despite his hospitalization. "It is the motion picture that shows us all not only how we look and sound, but more important how we feel," he said.

The following are some of the winners announced at the ceremony:

Best picture — *Ordinary People*, Ronald L. Schwary, producer.

Best actor — Robert de Niro, *Raging Bull*.

Best actress — Sissy Spacek, *Coal Miner's Daughter*.

Best director — Rober Redford, '*Ordinary People*.'

Foreign language film — *Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears*, Mosfilm Studio Production (USSR).

Original song — "Fame," from *Fame*, music: Michael Gore, lyric: Dean Pitchford.



Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda

restor democracy and hold elections when "the situation is stable."

Bangkok remained calm throughout the day, with traffic normal and most businesses open. Soldiers armed with M-16s backed up by machine guns and one or two armored vehicles, guarded most public buildings and television stations, but no clashes were reported.

Later Gen. Chitpatima appeared on television before a picture of the king, the Thai flag and a Buddhist shrine, all sacred institutions in Thailand. He was flanked by three high-ranking officers of the Supreme Commander Gen. Serv Na Nakhon, a senior Thai military officer and named an adviser by the revolutionary committee. Lt. Gen. Vasiñ Isarangkun Na Ayuthuyi, commander of the first army, and Admiral Kate Santawajkil, deputy commander of the navy.

"Our brethren, we realize the lack of safety in your lives. Most of the people have been facing hardship in their livelihood under the prospect of the social and economic state, he said, reading from the statement. "The council could not tolerate any more the rivalry for personal profit among various groups, the agitation and the undermining of the security of the state," he said. Citing increasing drug use, selfishness, rape and murder as the reasons for the takeover, he added that "the revolutionary council will remain in power only for as long as necessary to solve the problems and prevent them from becoming worse when we are certain that the situation is stable, we will hold a general election."

Gen. Chitpatima will assume the powers and duties of prime minister as head of the revolutionary committee, Radio Thailand announced Wednesday.

Meanwhile, unconfirmed reports said troops loyal to Gen. Prem were Wednesday massing around the Thai capital.

Units from the second Thai army loyal to Gen. Prem, overthrown by a military revolutionary committee by deputy army chief Sant Chitpatima, were also heading for Bangkok from their base in Northeastern Thailand, where Gen Prem went after the coup, the reports said.

Observers believed that Gen. Sant was having increasing trouble controlling the situation.

Peace panel halts efforts

JEDDAH, April 1 — The leader of the Islamic peace mission President Ahmed Sekou Toure Wednesday announced that efforts at summit level to mediate a ceasefire between Iraq and Iran have been suspended.

Speaking after a meeting of the mission, which returned from Baghdad Tuesday night, Sekou Toure however said that the secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference Habib Chatti will continue to shuttle between the two warring countries to reach a mutual understanding.

The Guinean president added that Iraq and Iran did not reject the Islamic peace package but tried to make certain amendments to take into consideration some basic elements proposed by both sides.

Sekou Toure said that Islamic mission was not acting as a court although it was trying to settle the dispute in the light of Islamic values to draw the two countries to a ceasefire.

He said that the mission's task was difficult as it was working for a package settlement as hoped for by OIC.

President Sekou Toure also said that the mission will submit new proposals to the two countries. One of the proposals is to establish an Islamic court to define the responsibility of starting the war.

The court will also propose a settlement for the dispute over the Shatt al Arab estuary between Iraq and Iran. Another proposal to a committee to make a serious study of the waterway dispute.

The president added that the two countries will also participate in the work of the committee. The peace mission will continue to meet in Jeddah when necessary, he said.

Both Iran and Iraq took a hard stance during the talks with the mission in Tehran Monday and Tuesday and in Baghdad Tuesday and Wednesday, according to official communiques from the two capitals.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein told the mission he had no intention of "maintaining occupied Iranian territories" but would not compromise on Iraq's territorial and offshore rights in the disputed border, the official Iraqi news agency reported.

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Under Commerce Ministry orders Rules classify hotels

By Farook Luqman

JEDDAH, April 1 — The Commerce Ministry issued regulations Monday to fix hotel standards and tariffs charged to customers. The orders were issued by Commerce Minister Soliman A. Solaim.

The hotels have been divided into seven categories ranging from deluxe to third class according to building size, services and general appearance. A deluxe hotel must rate 150 marks to qualify for that rating. It cannot charge more than SR1,000 for a normal suite and SR2,250 for a supersuite of two bedrooms.

The rates descend gradually across the spectrum until it reaches the lowest range, the III class (B) hotels, which are permitted to place four beds to a room and charge a modest rate per bed.

The general manager of Jeddah's Al Bahr Sheraton, Sameer Zoghbi, said he was satisfied with the pricing system and the classification of the hotels. Sheraton, which belongs to the top of the league in the country, has 500 rooms and, like the Meridien, the Hyatt Regency, the Nova Park and others under construction, is a deluxe hotel of the first order.

"The pricing was fair," Zoghbi said. "And it has come at the right time since the country is getting more deluxe and first class hotels than it can handle profitably." He did not expect much more growth in the next five years because of this proliferation. Apart from those in operation, others are in the final stages of completion including the Intercontinental, the Holiday Inn and the Hilton. They are all in Jeddah.

Meridien's Resident Manager Manfred Moennich said the new regulations are reasonable in view of the multiplicity of hotel rooms in the city and in the country as a whole. "We are happy with the present situation," he said. Previously the prices were on the high side because of the scarcity of decent accommodation and the relatively high cost of labor. "Now it is different and the ministry has done well to review the structure and the various kinds of hotel accommodation available and award it a clear class, he added. In spite of the glut the Meridien is doing quite well with an occupancy rate well into the

seventies, the manager said.

The government order classified the hotels into deluxe, I class (A), I class (B), II (A), II (B), III (A), III (B), the last category was created to cater to a large section of the traveling population who need hotel accommodation at price within their reach. They were given 20 marks which they must satisfy before they are licensed, the ministry said.

The marks were awarded on the basis of 40 for the building, 40 for the services, 25 for the rooms, 25 for the management, 10 for recreational facilities and 10 for the general outlook. Deluxe hotels must qualify for at least 120 degrees, I class (A) for 100, I class (B) for 80 and the II class for 60.

The pricing structure, the ministry said, was decided on after careful study of the cost of accommodation and the services offered to the customers, with the price rising as the services improve and the number of persons per room also increases.

At a I class hotel, or four-star, a normal suite should not cost more than SR850, SR1750 for a supersuite. The cost is lower for four-star (B) hotels.

An additional bed, requested by the customer, should not cost more than SR75 at the deluxe hotels, SR60 at the first class (A), SR50 at the first class (B), SR40 at the II class (A), SR30 at the II class (B) and SR20 at the III class, A and B service charges have been fixed at 15 per cent for the five-stars and 10 per cent for the others. No other charges should be made in the name of service on any pretext.

These prices and rates will be allowed to double in Mecca and Medina during the pilgrimage season because the owners of the hotels there usually forfeit a lot of business during the off-season, but must keep their hotels open and staffed throughout the year.

Similarly, the rates will be allowed to rise by 25 per cent in the summer resort areas like Taif, Abha, Khamsi Mushait, Al Baha and Baljarshi during the summer months.

The Director General of Hotels at the Commerce Ministry, Abdul Aziz Al Jasser, said these instructions have been intimated to the hotels which were requested to display them prominently for the attention of their customers.



INSPECTION: Riyadh Deputy Governor Prince Sattam inspected police patrol and traffic offices during an inspection tour Tuesday. He advised the officers and men to deal with the public kindly while they do their job efficiently.

Tour inspected projects Sattam denies recreation city

RİYADH, April 1 (SPA) — The recreation city project is nothing yet but an idea; studies have not been completed and no instructions whatsoever have yet been given on it, Riyadh Deputy Governor Prince Sattam said Tuesday.

Commenting on a news item distributed Monday, the prince said that nothing has been decided so far about the size of the project, its location or the area that it will cover. He said that his tour the previous day was not meant to find a suitable location for a recreation city, but to inspect a number of major projects here, such as the ring road. The proof is that he was accompanied by Communications Undersecretary Dr. Nasser Al-Salloum, he said.

Prince Sattam said he also inspected the limited income people's housing project and the evidence is that he was also accompanied by Riyadh Mayor Sheikh Abdullah Al-Naim. He also visited other projects, he said. He stressed however that despite the fact that the tour had nothing to do with a recreation city, the project hopefully will materialize one day.

Pakistan to explore mineral market

JEDDAH, April 1 — A trade delegation from Pakistan will visit the Kingdom shortly to explore the market for Pakistani minerals, a Pakistan embassy press statement said Wednesday.

The delegation comprising senior executives of the state-owned Pakistan Minerals Development Corporation will stay in the Kingdom for about one week, touring the main commercial centers including Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam.

It will hold meetings with officials and businessmen and negotiate deals with the interested parties.

Mineral-rich Pakistan has been exporting several minerals to a number of countries, but

its exports to the Kingdom have remained limited so far because of transportation bottlenecks, the statement said.

These obstacles have now been removed considerably with the recent launching of a regular shipping service between the two countries. One Pakistani ship will be touching the ports of Jeddah and Dammam every alternate fortnight, the report added.

The minerals presently being exported by Pakistan to the Kingdom mainly include those used for construction purposes, gemstones and marble. But the country produces several other minerals which are required by the Kingdom for industrial use and domestic consumption.

Yanbu desalination plant dedicated

YANBU, April 1 (SPA) — Medina Governor Prince Abdul Mosen ibn Abdul Aziz Tuesday dedicated a new water desalination plant here which will supply five million gallons of drinking water a day to the city.

The ceremony was attended by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, the agriculture and water minister and board chairman of the

Collective action stressed Ministry plans health week

RİYADH, April 1 (SPA) — A health week organized by the Health Ministry will begin Saturday as part of celebrations marking International Health Day on April 7, officials announced Tuesday.

The week, at Saudi Arts and Culture Society here, aims to highlight the meaning and value of collective action in spreading health awareness. It will include seminars, lectures and exhibitions. Particular stress will be laid on the state's efforts in providing health care to its citizens.

Seminars will deal with the handicap problem and its causes; the role of society in dealing with handicapped persons and avoiding accidents; student health; and first aid in case of traffic accidents. Friday will be devoted to the Day of the Handicapped Child.

The health exhibition will be opened daily from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lectures will be given between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday will be restricted to women visitors.

UNICEF, the World Health Organization (WHO), Riyadh University, the Regional Bureau for the Handicapped and a number of government departments concerned are taking part in the festival.

According to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's 1979 annual report, one of the main objectives of the government is to provide adequate medical facilities free of charge or at nominal rates for all sections of the population. To reach this goal, the Ministry of Health has continued to expand and improve its activities both in curative and preventive fields. The budget allocations for the Ministry of Health reached SR4,177 million in 1980, registering an increase of SR137 million over the allocations of the preceding year.

New Saudia line opens

JEDDAH, April 1 (SPA) — Saudia's delegation returned here from New Delhi Tuesday after inaugurating the new air link between the cities. The ceremony last Saturday was attended by Saudi Arabian Ambassador to India, Sheikh Saleh Al-Suqair, Indian officials; and Arab diplomats.

Saudia opened four lines last year to Mogadishu, Nairobi, Dacca and Bangkok. Now it lands in 26 airports in Asia, Africa, Europe, North America and 21 domestic airports.

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Mecca telephones
MECCA, April 1 (SPA) — Telephone lines in Mecca reached 72,000, and an average of 1,800 new telephones have been installed monthly, officials reported. This figure does not include telephone booths which have been installed in every district of Mecca. Special booths have been installed for international calls. International calls originating from Mecca totaled 13,000 last month.

Traffic training course held
RİYADH, April 1 (SPA) — A short training course for traffic departments in large cities started here Wednesday. The course is the second of its kind to be organized by the Arab Security Studies and Training Center. The course that ends April 21 is attended by security officers from the Arab world.

Gulf-UNICEF meeting set
UNITED NATIONS, April 1 (SPA) — The United Nations announced Wednesday that the newly-formed Arab Gulf Development Fund and the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) will hold a meeting in Manama Saturday. The UNICEF side will be led by Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, the honorary assistant secretary general to the United Nations and special envoy for UNICEF. The meeting will discuss financial assistance by Gulf states to improve the UNICEF's programs in Developing Countries. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain and Iraq formed the Gulf fund to assist UNICEF.

Maneuvers planned
RİYADH, April 1 (SPA) — Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah will watch military maneuvers Monday and Tuesday by the National Guard. The maneuver, named after the late King Abdul Aziz, will be carried by the joint corps of the National Guard and the Royal Saudi Arabian Air Force that will provide air support.

Prison seminar to be given
RİYADH, April 1 (SPA) — The Arab Security Studies and Training Center of Riyadh will organize a seminar about prisons Saturday. The seminar will deal with benefits and setbacks of prisons from the reform point of view. It will discuss improving the understanding of prisons, their Islamic duty and the extent of suitability of the prison atmosphere for reformation.

Art exhibition
ANK, April 1 (SPA) — Ank intermediate school will organize an art exhibition in cooperation with Ank Municipality April 22. The exhibition will be held at the municipality's exhibitions hall and deal with art education, local folklore and culture. Three three-day show will include models of local tools and furniture of local farmers, beduins and sailors.

University talks held
RİYADH, April 1 (SPA) — Dr. Abdullah Abdul Mosen Al-Turki, rector of Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, conferred here Tuesday with Dr. Manan ibn Muhammad Abdul Mannan, director of the Islamic Center for Research in Bangladesh.



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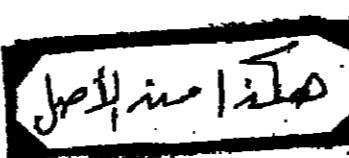
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At traffic directors meeting Driving rules eyed

RIYADH, April 1 (SPA) — Directors of traffic departments and their branches in the Kingdom recommended the application of immediate punishment and fines on a larger scale.

The meeting, which concluded in Riyadh Wednesday, also recommended continued spot checks on the installation of taxi-meters and their operation. Taxis should abide by the traffic regulations restricting the specific color for taxis and painting their plates numbers on the front windows.

The traffic officials called for making traffic week an educational event to increase the awareness of the public about regulations and traffic safety only, and not to concentrate on punishing offenders.

Public security Director Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh chaired the final session. The

meeting also aimed at achieving special cooperation with the Communication Ministry in regard to road blocks and signs. Deputy Communications Minister Dr. Nasser Al-Saloom and other senior ministry officials attended the meeting.

The recommendations also included opening traffic offices that would receive callers 24 hours a day, and undergoing a study on the possibility of making safety checks on vehicles in the Kingdom. The meeting called for relieving license plates from all junked cars, banning pick-up trucks from working in passenger lines and prohibiting damaged cars which lack safety conditions from driving in the street unless repaired.

The officials demanded stepping up campaigns on any offense, especially exceeding speed limits, under age drivers, those driving without licenses; or any missing front or rear lights, use of high beam lights, use of loud horns and disturbing the public peace by causing noises through excessive friction of tires or horns.

The officials also called for special attention to people injured in traffic accidents and to inform their relatives the minute their identities are established. The meeting stressed the importance of giving more attention for training traffic officers and provide them with special education to deal with citizens and expatriates.

Col. Muhammad bin Raja Al-Harbi, director of the general directorate of traffic, said that the recommendations and proposals will be submitted to Gen. Al-Sheikh to be considered for implementation.

French exhibition set

RIYADH, April 1 — More than 65 companies will take part in the exhibition "La Maison Francaise" taking place April 4 through 10 at the Al Diara center here, an exhibition press statement said Wednesday.

Djibouti official visits

JEDDAH, April 1 (SPA) — Col. Ali Essa, Djibouti armed forces' chief of staff, was the guest of honor of Gen. Mansour Al-Suaibi, commander of the Western Region, during a luncheon here. Essa, who is visiting the country, arrived in Riyadh Tuesday. He has been visiting military installations and establishments and talking with senior officers.

COMMENT

By Khaled Hassan Al Sheikh
Al-Jazirah

One morning while I stopped my car before a red traffic signal, another driver close to me looked right and left and being sure of the absence of a policeman, gave full throttle to the accelerator and almost flew off with screeching tires without any regard for the red signal. He just left me wondering on the usefulness of this foolhardiness, and I asked myself whether he wanted to sacrifice his life trying to save a few seconds or minutes. I could think of no convincing reply.

It reminded me of another incident in which two youths were speeding away in their car. Suddenly a car coming from the opposite direction crashed into it and turned the car upside down. They survived the impact, yet one of them lost his mental capabilities while the other suffered some physical handicap.

If we look back at the frequent car crashes we would find our hearts filled with sorrow and grief. But, regrettably, some of us do not take any lesson from what they see and hear, and try to contribute to this state of affairs. I feel a driver ought to remember that, however convinced he may be of his driving, he may come across someone less experienced at the controls. It pains me to see people physically handicapped as a result of their reckless driving.

Everyone will agree, I am sure, that the car has been made to serve us, and not to become a means for suicide. We bring misery to us and others just because we ignore driving rules. I would, therefore, ask everyone to be warned from the daily incidents, to be able to avert any possible crash and thus save his life and, perhaps, the lives of others.

Asphalting and lighting Jubail carries out projects

JUBAIL, April 1 (SPA) — Jubail Municipality is carrying out several projects, including temporary asphalting and installing lights for northern and western parts of the city. The projects will cost SR5.25 million.

The municipality also is building a SR3.4 million public garden along King Faisal Street. Among the recently finished Jubail projects is a vegetable and meat market that cost SR2.18 million. The market has 20 shops, shaded rest areas and parking lots. Jubail municipality has contracted with a

national company for cleaning the city.

Under the two-year, SR6.84 million contract, the company will clean this industrial city located on the Arabian Gulf.

In a separate development Medina Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen visited the industrial city of Yanbu, lying 300 kilometers north of Jeddah, Monday. The governor visited the Yanbu Royal Commission's headquarters and was briefed on the industrial city's projects, according to *Al-Jazirah* Wednesday.

Prince Abdul Mohsen called on the media to write about the huge projects in the region for national and international public opinion. He urged the media to give a clear picture of the Kingdom's strides toward industrial development. He also called on the public to visit the large installations to see for themselves the Kingdom's achievements.

The governor inspected the installation of Yanbu industrial city, including the industrial port, the residential district, the hospital, the crude oil and natural gas complexes and the local oil refinery. Prince Abdul Mohsen was accompanied during the tour by Sheikh Naif Al-Sudairi, the emir of Yanbu, and Brig. Muhammad Niaz Murad, Medina police director.

Pilgrim group meets

JEDDAH, APRIL 1 (SPA) — The Jeddah Pilgrimage Coordination Committee held a meeting Wednesday under Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi. The committee discussed a memo presented by Saudi as well as coordination among Saudi, the Passports Department, the Pilgrimage Department in regard to Umra and pilgrimage visas.

Mayor Farisi said after the meeting that a plan was drawn to solve all problems interrupting work among departments concerned with the pilgrimage and pilgrims. The proposed plan will be submitted to Mecca Governor Prince Majed, the chairman of the committee, the mayor added.

Chinese artist leaves

JEDDAH, April 1 (CNA) — Chinese horse painter Gen. Yeh Tsui-Pai left here for home after a two-month demonstration tour of the Kingdom. Yeh had taken part in two China festival activities held in Riyadh and Jeddah for demonstrations of Chinese paintings.

In a separate development, an increasing number of technicians and researchers are expected to arrive in Taipei from Saudi Arabia for on-the-job training in view of the Republic of China's achievements in scientific and technological development.

Informed sources said that among other enterprises, the China Steel Corp. will accept some 200 persons from the Kingdom later this year for an 18-month training period.

During the coming summer vacation, as many as 28 scientific researchers will receive training in the Republic of China. Last summer, Saudi Arabia sent 20 scholars to study in Taipei.

Prayer Times

Thursday	Mecca	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4.48	4.48	4.19	4.05	4.29	4.58
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.24	12.25	11.56	11.43	12.08	12.27
Assr Evening	3.50	3.53	3.25	3.13	3.37	4.08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.37	6.39	6.10	5.58	6.22	6.53
Isha (Night)	8.07	8.09	7.40	7.28	7.52	8.23

FROM THE GULF

Eritrean delegations meet

ABU DHABI, April 1 (WAM) — A delegation from the Eritrean People's Liberation Front led by Ramadan Muhammad Nour, the Front's secretary general arrived here Wednesday morning to participate in the joint meetings of the three factions of the Eritrean freedom fighting to be held under the supervision of the UAE, the Emirates News Agency (WAM) reported Wednesday.

In addition, a delegation representing the Eritrean Liberation Front-Revolutionary Council, led by Ibrahim Tuteil, arrived here on Monday, for the same purpose. Osman Saleh Sabbe, chairman of the Eritrean Liberation Front-Popular Liberation Forces (PLF-ELF) currently is on an official visit to the UAE.

Civil Defense delegation arrives

ABU DHABI, April 1 (WAM) — Maj. Hashar Mana Al-Maktoum, director of the General Directorate of the Civil Defense at the Ministry of Interior returned here Wednesday from West Germany after his UAE delegation familiarized themselves with early warning for disasters. During the visit, the delegation paid a field visit to the civil

defense establishments in West Germany.

Tunisia discusses relations

ABU DHABI, April 1 (WAM) — Hamdan bin Muhammad, UAE deputy premier, Wednesday received at his office Muhsin Al-Ferrini, the Tunisian ambassador to the UAE.

The ambassador told Hamdan that the Tunisian cabinet endorsed the agreement dealing with the recruitment of Tunisian employees in the UAE. The UAE federal cabinet had endorsed the agreement at its March 22 session. The official signing of the agreement will be made during the forthcoming visit of the UAE minister of labor and social affairs, Saif Al-Jarwan, to Tunis in May.

Ferrini also briefed Hamdan on Tunisia's interest in promoting cooperation between the two countries in educational and scientific fields. The topics are to come up for further discussion during the planned visit of minister of education and youth, Said Salman, to Tunisia next month, he said. Their meeting also reviewed bilateral relations and methods to boost them and the possibility of bolstering cooperation between the two countries in the fields of agriculture and fisheries.

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NATIONAL VIDEO AND TV CONVENTION 1981

The 1981 National TV & Video Models Introduced

The capital city of Riyadh was the venue of the National Television and Video Dealers Convention. Held at the Riyadh Palace Hotel, the convention was organized by M/s. Mohammad Jamil Haroon Dahlawi — the Kingdomwide Distributor for National Electronic Products. The convention, the second of its kind held in Riyadh was attended by dealers of National Video and T.V. in the Riyadh area in particular and the Eastern Province in general including Khobar, Dammam and Dhahran.

The Dealers who saw a demonstration of the 1981 National T.V. and Video models, were treated to a Video film show and a four course dinner.

Welcoming the guest of honour Mr. Funahashi, the Managing Director of the Video and T.V. Division of Matsushita Electric in Japan, the Vice General Manager of M. Jamil Haroon Dahlawi, Mr. Ahmed Tahan aid the convention provided an deal opportunity for the National leaders to make a personal acquaintance with Mr. Funahashi and the apañese engineers and experts accompanying him.

Speaking on behalf of the Managing Director, Sheikh Amin Haroon Dahlawi, Mr. Tahan also extended a warm welcome to the dealers of Riyadh and emphasized the importance of the Riyadh market for National's Video & T.V. products. He said his company considered the Riyadh Branch as being one of the most important in the Kingdom.

Another speaker at the convention was Mr. Ali Khan — Sales Manager

of M. Jamil Haroon Dahlawi, who outlined the changes that had taken place in the company's marketing strategy since the previous convention.

The main address was delivered by Mr. Funahashi, who stressed National's position as the number one brand in the world of home video and T.V.

Mr. Funahashi told the convention that since National produced its first television set in 1952, its total production by 1981 stood at a remarkable 66-million T.V. sets. He said that 25,000 National Television sets are produced in Matsushita plants every day.



The guest of honour, Mr. Funahashi delivering the key-note address at the convention.

He went on to say that National is also the world's largest producer of Video sets, and by the end of April 1981, Matsushita Electric's total Video production will have reached the 3-million mark.

He said these figures made National

No. 1 in the T.V. World, and No. 1 in the Video World.

VHS MORE POPULAR

Mr. Funahashi stressed that the VHS Format was preferred by Video users around the world. He said that 70% of all video sets sold in the world were of the V.H.S. type.

THE NATIONAL RANGE

Mr. Funahashi said that Matsushita had 27 models of T.V. sets — both black and white and colour, starting with the smallest in size (15 inches) upto the big 45 inches Cinema Vision Screen.

He said, National will also be introducing a 26 inch colour T.V.

Mr. Funahashi said that National Video and T.V. division had now

decided to concentrate on the production and development of a total of 45 models. 37 of these will be Television models, both colour and black & white; 4 models of video sets; 3 models of Video Camera and 4 types of Video Tapes.



National dealers from Riyadh and the Eastern Province at the convention.

QUALITY & PERFORMANCE

Mr. Funahashi told the dealers that the best engineering technology had gone into producing National's comprehensive range of T.V. and Video entertainment systems.

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NATIONAL T.V. & VIDEO 1981

The dealers then saw a demonstration of National's latest models introduced in 1981. The new models offer a greater number of features. Many of them for the first time.

The top of the five models introduced at the convention & which will be made available shortly, include the 45 inch Cinemavision Television.

For the first time National is offering a 26" television, with the unique National Double-Auto Feature. This enables these sets and other National machines to adjust automatically to voltages ranging from 80 volts to 290 volts, thereby ensuring their application worldwide.

These and other National Television sets were matched with 4 Video models.

One Video model introduced at the



A display of National's 1981 T.V. and Video models at the convention.

ensures operation at vastly fluctuating voltages between 80 and 290 volts.

A second model the NV2000 offers worldwide colour viewing and RECORDING features with three of the world's major broadcasting systems PAL — SECAM — NTSC.

VHS POPULARITY WORLDWIDE

Later during informal discussions, the dealers were shown charts, depicting the worldwide popularity of the VHS system, as follows:

AREA	VHS OWNERSHIP
Europe	73%
Asia	82%
Middle East	70%

convention offers advanced features, not available in other makes. Offering wireless remote control operation the NV7000 offers features like picture search, slow motion, and still picture in the colour. The unique double auto system

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4 houses blown up

1 dies, 1 hurt in Israeli attack on U.N. forces

BEIRUT, April 1 (AP) — Israeli troops raided a U.N.-held village in South Lebanon before dawn Wednesday, blew up four houses and clashed with a U.N. patrol, the U.N. information office in Beirut said.

U.N. spokesman Samir Sanbar said one Lebanese army sergeant was killed and one Lebanese soldier was wounded in the house-blowing process during the raid on Tulin, a village held by the Nigerian contingent of the 6,000-strong U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon.

Both victims of the blast belonged to a 700-man Lebanese battalion serving with UNIFIL in an effort to bring the whole of southern Lebanon under the control of Lebanon's central government of Beirut, according to Sanbar.

UNIFIL's new commander Maj. Gen. William Callaghan, of Ireland, has declared he intends to carry out UNIFIL's mandate of

extending central Lebanese authority up to Lebanon's 1948 truce lines with Israel. This would involve deployment of 900 more Lebanese regulars in the area and the dismantling of Haddad's enclave.

Tension between Haddad's estimated 2,000-strong militia and UNIFIL came to a peak two weeks ago, when Haddad's guns shelled the U.N.-policed village of Kantara to prevent the stationing of a 30-man Lebanese regular platoon with UNIFIL there. Two Nigerian troops died instantly and two died later in hospital.

Palestinian commandos said Tuesday they had destroyed part of a railway linking Beersheba and Kiryat Gat in Israel's southern region of Negev. A military spokesman quoted by the Palestine News Agency Wafa said explosives planted on the line, being used by the Israeli army, went off Tuesday night disrupting rail traffic.

Peacekeeping in Sinai

Israel wants all-American force

By Fouzi Asmar
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 31 — Israel is currently putting increased pressure on the Reagan administration to station an all-American peacekeeping force in the Sinai, informed sources said. Despite support for this proposal, particularly among members of the National Security Council, the Reagan administration remains committed to a multi-national force that would include American troops.

This position was clearly stated by Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger who appeared on ABC TV's Sunday morning program issues and Answers. Asked whether the American troops targeted for the Sinai peacekeeping force would be part of the Rapid Deployment Force, Weinberger said, "Absolutely no."

Weinberger said that the administration

favoured the peacekeeping force which included other countries also.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East Michael E. Stermen is currently in Israel in an attempt to win Israeli support for troops from other countries. The Israelis are rejecting the concept of a multinational force in an attempt to force the U.S. into accepting their demands, sources said.

The Israelis hope that the U.S. will change its mind and use both the bases in the Sinai as well as bases within Israel for its operations in the region. Moreover the Israelis see the stationing of American troops in the Sinai as a means of strengthening American-Israeli ties, sources added.

Under the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, the Israelis must withdraw from the Sinai by March 26, 1982. The Israelis refuse to withdraw, however, before a peacekeeping force that they consider suitable is in place, sources point out.

Morocco claims

2,000 Polisario fighters killed

RABAT, April 1 (R) — The pro-government daily *Moroc Soir* has said Moroccan armed forces killed 2,000 Polisario Front fighters last week in the fiercest battle of their five-year war in the Western Saharan desert.

Both sides have reported a big battle at Guelta-Zemmour, a garrison near the Mauritanian border, and both claimed victory. A Moroccan military communique said Friday that more than 300 fighters died. It

gave Moroccan casualties as 36 dead and 55 wounded in four days of fighting.

Moroc Soir said the battle was "a victory of unprecedented dimensions" in the war and that Polisario had used "very large forces and heavy equipment, notably armor." "Enemy losses were enormous. They left on the ground more than 2,000 dead," most of them killed by artillery fire and air attacks, the newspaper said.

Thai Muslim families flee into Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, April 1 (AP) — A total of 131 Muslims from Betong district in southern Thailand have fled to the Malaysian town of Baling to seek refuge from attacks by Communist guerrillas.

The first batch of 42 began arriving last Wednesday, with more coming in Monday, the chief minister of Kedah state Syed Nohar Shahabuddin told reporters Tuesday after visiting the refugees in Baling, 240 kms north of here. They traversed the jungle to cross the border into Malaysian territory, he said. The two groups comprised 40 men, 35 women and 56 children, all from 21 families.

The Thai Muslims, who came from six villages, are now housed at the town hall in Baling where they are being looked after by the Red Cross. Some refugees said communist guerrillas had been harassing them for the past fortnight. They said several villagers had been killed in night raids.

Syed Nohar said the refugees, mostly rubber tappers, decided to flee their villages out of fear for their lives. The state government had been forced to provide them shelter on humanitarian grounds, he said.

There are 3,000 guerrillas of the banned Communist Party of Malaysia operating along the 500-kms long Thai-Malaysian border. The guerrillas are mostly active in the Betong area.

BRIEFS

MADRID, (AP) — Spanish Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo Wednesday conferred 20 minutes with Moroccan Foreign Affairs Minister Muhammad Bucetta at La Moncloa palace.

QUETTA, (AP) — World Bank President Robert McNamara arrived here Tuesday on a brief visit to Baluchistan province of Pakistan bordering Afghanistan.

ROME, (AP) — An international conference on Palestine Tuesday called on the European Economic Community nations to "liberate" themselves from U.S. influence and recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization as the "only lawful" representative of the Palestinian people.

PESHAWAR, (AP) — Former Attorney General Yaha Bakhtiar, who served as chief defense lawyer in executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's murder case, was sentenced Tuesday to five years' at hard labor for election rigging.

ISTANBUL, (AP) — Unidentified assailants believed to be terrorists hurled a bomb into a bank office in a suburban area late Tuesday night, Turkish police reported Wednesday.

Sadat: Egypt selling arms to Iraq

CAIRO, April 1 (R) — President Anwar Sadat, in an announcement apparently designed to improve his battered image in the Arab world, has confirmed that Egypt was selling ammunition to Iraq.

Iraq has been among the toughest Arab critics of Egypt's 1979 peace treaty with Israel, but Sadat said in a speech that he had decided on the sale in gratitude for Baghdad's past military assistance to Egypt. Until now,

Egypt has remained strictly neutral in the Gulf war. Sadat said the sale should not be seen as a change in his position and that he still condemned Iraq for launching the invasion on Iran.

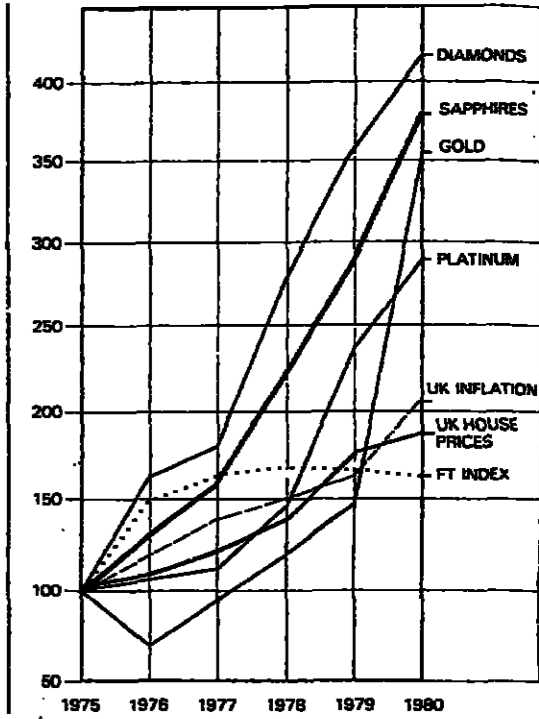
In his speech, to an annual meeting of the Egyptian journalists' syndicate, the president said Iraq approached him through a third party and later sent an emissary to Cairo to sign the deal.

Informed sources said that Oman, one of the few Arab states to maintain diplomatic relations with Cairo played an intermediary role in the deal which involved ammunition and spare parts for Sam Missiles.

It was the first public confirmation of persistent rumors that Cairo was helping arm Iraq. Only two days ago, top Egyptian officials flatly denied an American television report that Cairo had sold 4,000 tons of ammunition, missiles and spare parts to Iraq.

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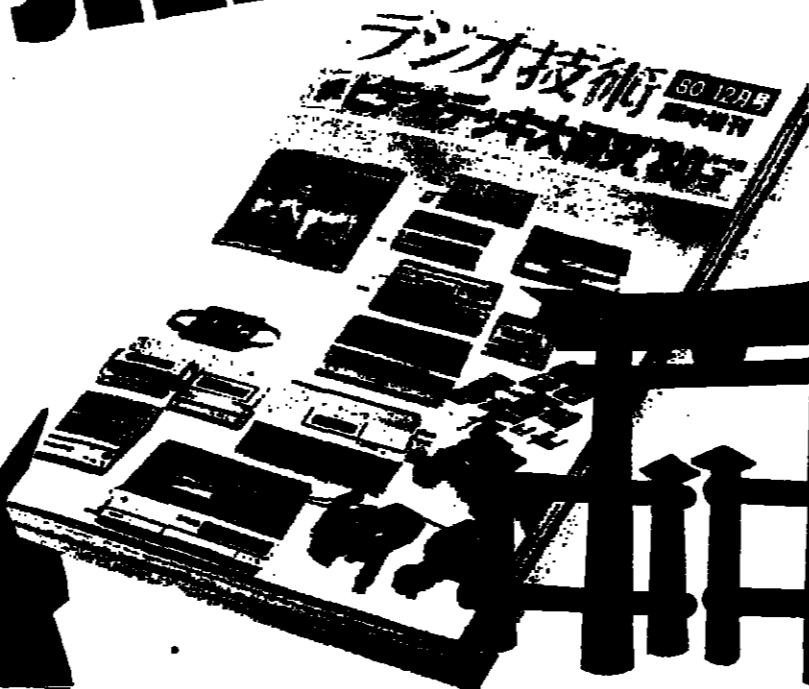
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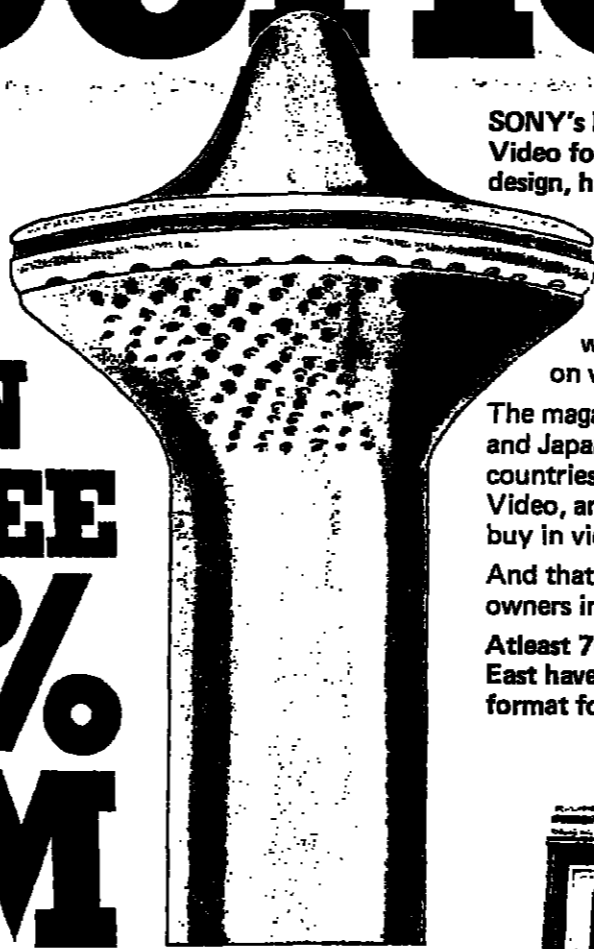
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Plea in U.S. for Pacific alliance

By Ramon H. Myers

WASHINGTON — In the United States today, one school of strategic thinking wants a strong China-Japan-U.S. alliance to counter the Soviet Union. Another school argues that China cannot be trusted, so the United States should rely on a Pacific basin alliance of Japan and South Korea that would include Taiwan, the ASEAN countries, Australia and New Zealand.

At the heart of these opposing strategies is the Taiwan question. Proponents of the U.S.-Japan-China triangle say that Taiwan is no longer important for maintaining the balance of power in Asia with the Soviet Union. Opponents argue that strategically located Taiwan should not be abandoned and that the United States should guarantee its security according to the U.S.-Taiwan Relations Act of March 1979.

For many years, the issue of Taiwan's security sidetracked U.S./China efforts to restore diplomatic recognition. Even after normalization, Taiwan's security continues to endanger U.S.-China relations. In recent months, spokesman of the People's Republic of China have voiced displeasure with the U.S.-Taiwan Relations Act and hinted that U.S.-China relations would be jeopardized if Washington tried to implement it fully. The Reagan administration will soon have to make many decisions on trade, transfer of advanced technology and military aid that will affect both U.S.-Taiwan and U.S./China relations.

Can the United States walk the tightrope of maintaining close ties with Taiwan while gradually expanding the exchange of people and goods with China? The United States can and should do this, I believe, but how?

The Reagan administration should give Taiwan weapons, especially new jet fighters to improve Taiwan's air defenses.

The Taiwanese should have greater access to American officials, and the ban on their meeting in U.S. government buildings should be lifted.

Taiwan's coordination council for North American affairs should have five more offices in the United States.

U.S. representatives in Taipei should be able to visit Taiwan's foreign ministry and other departments.

Any abrogation of Taiwan's commercial treaties with the United States should be avoided.

Such action by the administration would underscore U.S. intentions to ensure Taiwan's security. But what about the United States and China?

Peking's leaders hope to obtain additional credit from the U.S. Export-Import Bank to cash in on the \$2 billion credit line that former Vice President Walter F. Mondale offered China in 1979. Peking wants to buy nuclear power-generating equipment from U.S. companies to build six nuclear power plants. China also wants to buy more "dual-purpose" equipment with military-related application, such as computers from Control Data, Hewlett-Packard and other U.S. suppliers. China wants to conclude negotiations with U.S. companies, such as Peabody Coal Co. and General Electric's Utah International subsidiary, to develop for export part of its surface coal-mining output. China needs marketing outlets in the United States, and has approached such giants as General Motors, Control Data and Dresser Industries for assistance in setting up special trading agencies to do business with China. China also wants to buy commercial aircraft from McDonnell Douglas and Boeing.

Both China and Taiwan want a great deal from the United States, and already are locked into exchange arrangements that would be costly to divest and renegotiate with other nations. The Reagan administration, therefore, can adopt a policy of gradualism, evenhandedness and diplomacy toward both. How would this work if the administration granted Taiwan new jet fighters for its defense? Before any official announcement of such sales, our ambassador in Peking would inform the Chinese that the United States intends to sell new jet fighters to Taiwan over a long period. Similarly, the United States stands ready to provide China with credit to purchase certain equipment and technology, even military-related technology, but with a long-term transfer for military use.

Could we reasonably hope to succeed with this strategy, considering Peking's recent retaliation against another nation, the Netherlands, that supplies arms to Taiwan? Peking downgraded its ambassador to the Netherlands to a charge d'affaires because that country insisted on selling several submarines to Taiwan. Peking will certainly threaten to downgrade diplomatic ties with Washington, too, if the White House sells advanced jet fighters to Taiwan. Peking also would mount an intensive propaganda campaign to denounce such action.

Eventually, however, the Chinese will back off. China is already locked into complex transactions with the United States, and needs Washington as much as Washington needs China at this critical time. Peking leaders are struggling to maintain Communist Party control over the many groups that are either critical of Deng Xiaoping's modernization strategy or are demanding more liberalization.

What if China suddenly turns to Moscow and suggests fence-mending? This act would merely confirm that any alliance with a Marxist-Leninist state is built on sand, and we always must be prepared for the worst. (LAT)

Letter to the editor

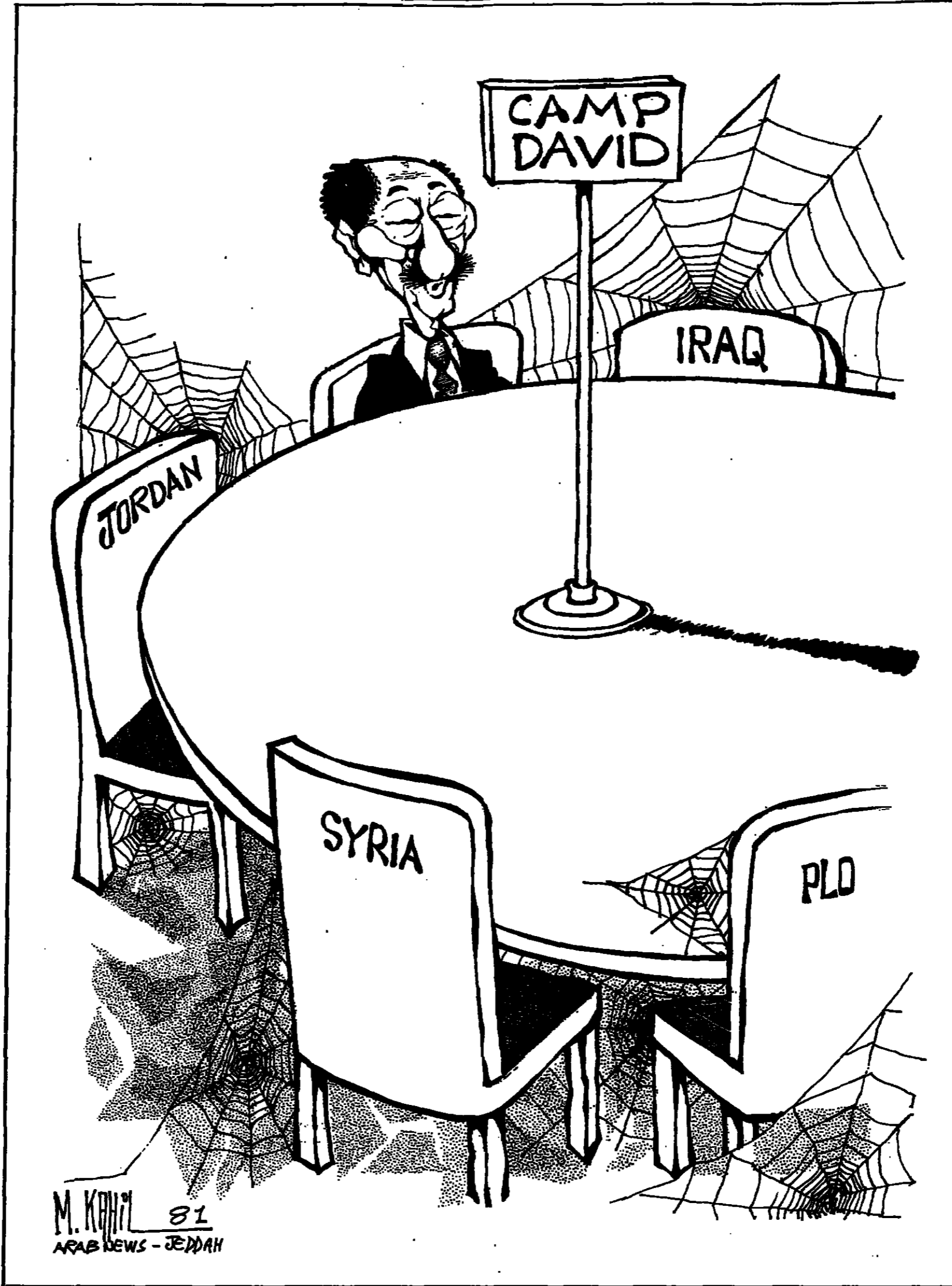
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Daily newspapers carry advertisements for vacancies in firms and all include the caption "Foreigners with transferable Iqamas" confining the applicants, while the best suited for the jobs are restrained from seeking better pastures.

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Those firms who advertise, therefore, are openly violating the Kingdom's laws fostering the possibilities of more illegal immigrants and seeking to avoid the granting of legitimate terms and conditions on a contract, like R & R, vacation, bonuses, prepaid airline tickets and housing benefits.

Why cannot these establishments consider all applicants and offer them the usual terms and conditions with better facilities allowing at the same time for the firm loosing to benefit by a replacement.

Yours faithfully,
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Sudan fears attack from Chad

KHARTOUM —

Any day now, the Sudan is expecting an attack by units of Chad's Libyan-backed army, aimed at crippling the remains of former Defense Minister Hissene Habre's forces which are now regrouping in a mountain hideout inside Sudan, north of the border town of El Geneina.

Large numbers of Sudanese troops and heavy weapons have been sent to reinforce the remote frontier between Chad and Sudan, which stretches for over 1,400 kilometers. Since he was driven westwards from his previous base at Abeche last month by the combined force of Chadian government troops and Libyans, Hissene Habre has sought refuge across the border, but has not asked the Sudanese to give him asylum, as this would mean laying down his arms and his 3,000 followers surrendering to the Sudanese.

He is said to be planning a counter-attack, and latest reports say that Habre and his men are near the border post of Kulboos high in the barren mountains which at this point divide Chad from the Sudan.

Fully aware that the man whom the Chadian government in Ndjamena sees as 'public enemy number one' has been given temporary shelter by the Sudanese government, the authorities here in Khartoum are taking urgent precautions to prevent

any possible move by Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei for a pre-emptive strike against Habre, at least until he has regrouped his forces and been able to re-equip them with new weapons. These have been promised by Egypt and some are reported to be already on their way, following a secret meeting between Habre and President Sadat in Egypt.

In Sudan, President Jafar Numeiri has put his forces on alert in the west since serious threats developed along the Chadian border and several Chadian aircraft penetrated Sudanese airspace. There have been frequent shuttles of military supplies from Khartoum to El Geneina, as well as several military missions currently advising the Sudanese on the most effective measures to throw back a possible incursion from Chad. Many Egyptians are believed to be stationed along the border as military advisers and the Sudan has been promised Egypt's full support if there is an attack from Chad.

Meanwhile, President Numeiri continues to insist that Habre's recent defeat was masterminded by Soviet military advisers and was not done in the usual style of Col. Qaddafi, although Libyan troops, tanks and aircraft played a major role.

In recent press interviews, Numeiri has claimed that Soviet Tupolev transports have been operating a steady service, bringing Libyan tanks right up to

the Sudanese frontier, and a senior Sudanese army officer has reported that many new airstrips are being built close to the border with Sudan so that Libyan planes could carry out strikes deep into the Sudan's Darfur region.

The potentially explosive situation along the Chadian border has resulted in a return to closer relations between Sudan and Egypt. These cooled somewhat after the Camp David agreement and a Sudanese ambassador will be sent again to Cairo in the near future, after a long break. Both Sadat and Numeiri appear determined to beat back any border attacks by the Chadian army, or the Libyans, and in the event of a full attack on Sudan, Egypt has promised full military support.

The Sudan government appears to fear the Chad developments are all part of a deliberate plan by the Soviet Union to surround Sudan with its client states, along the lines of Ethiopia and South Yemen, and is seeking full guarantees of support from Egypt if it is next on the list for 'destabilization'.

Observers here note that President Numeiri has been deliberately trying to patch up all other quarrels with neighboring states, especially with Ethiopia, so that his forces can now be concentrated in the west, where he sees the main threat to his — and Sudan's — future rapidly developing. (LOS).

SENSELESS VIOLENCE

As the president of the United States lies in hospital recovering from his wound, it is worth recalling that the speech he gave half an hour before the attempt on his life contained reference to the spread of violent crime in the country and the Administration's resolve to confront it. It is also worth recalling, though certainly with regret, that he has always been opposed to stricter gun control than at present exists.

Statistics from the United States provide full justification to the general outcry at the spread of violence in this the world's most prosperous and advanced nation, where fear has been dominating the cities for such a long time, and where firearms claim around fifty eight murder victims each day — aside from the wounded. Such an appalling scale of violence has led many to consider the country as facing a veritable internal war, one which it is, moreover, steadily losing.

There are fifty-two million guns in the hands of the population, being bought at the rate of two million each year. Many have drawn what seems to them an obvious correlation between this proliferation of the means of violence and that of violence itself. But many, represented and organized through the powerful Gun Lobby, have denied this and successfully withstood attempts to change the existing Gun Laws.

The argument between the two sides goes back and forth. But the fact remains that the United States, which claims to be facing international terror abroad, is actually engaging in terror at home — one which is not supplied with weapons from any other source but from the country itself; a terror which has claimed as victim, but mercifully not a fatality, the president of the republic himself.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Wednesday mostly led with Saudi Arabia's denunciation of an attempt on U.S. President Ronald Reagan's life last Monday. They highlighted congratulatory cables sent by King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd on the safety of the president. In a lead story, *Al Yom* reported improvement in Reagan's condition while his press secretary James Brady was reported in a critical state.

All newspapers frontpaged the Islamic goodwill committee's meeting with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Tuesday, saying that the committee would reach some tangible results in a month's time. They also gave front-page coverage to the arrival of the Indonesian Minister of Oil, Dr. Subroto, to discuss the coordination of stances within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Al Bilad reported in a page one story that Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and head of the National Guard, will watch a live maneuver by the National Guard's joint armed divisions Monday and Tuesday. The sanction of SR900 million for the expropriation of properties in Qasim was covered as a prominent front-page story by *Al Jazirah*. *Al Medina* quoted Somali President Siad Barre's advisor Brig. Ahmed Sulaiman Abdullah as saying, "We agree on the immediate restoration of relations with Ethiopia". He also praised Saudi Arabia's "wise, human and pioneering stance" on Arab, Islamic and international issues.

Newspaper editorials mainly commented on the attempted assassination of the U.S. president, the Iraq-Iran conflict and the situation in Lebanon.

Discussing international terrorism, *Al Medina* observed that the whole world shares the American people's concern with rising terrorism. The Arab world, which has been subjected to various kinds of terror and tyranny, shares America's anxiety over the tragic incident which aimed at the life of the U.S. president, the paper said. It added that the Arab world denounces such terroristic acts, and hopes that the incident would motivate the U.S. leader to dedicate every effort to tackle the causes of this phenomenon and to repel Zionist and communist forces which have their open contribution in such terroristic acts.

Al Jazirah asked "... whether there was any supernatural power that neutralized the effect of all equipment in the possession of the security men surrounding the president. The paper added that, depending on faith and reality, the answer would be in the affirmative as all investigations with the assailant would fail to give a convincing interpretation of the inefficacy of the sophisticated instruments. It said that power is not an indispensable logic in international relations or in interaction with the crucial issues of the nations of the world. The paper recalled a remark made by the American civil rights leader, Jesse Jackson, that the U.S. has a disturbed policy influenced by a blind belief in power, which only implies more risks and threats to America itself. These threats have started with the president himself, it said.

Okaz also condemned terrorism and called upon the forces of the world to work for construction, not

destruction. The paper described the creation of Israel in the heart of the Arab world as the biggest crime of the world. That the bullet of terrorism has already reached his chest, Reagan must now work hand in hand with the peace-loving states of the world to eliminate the cells of terrorism and violence, the paper said.

On the other hand, *Al Yom* discussed the task of the Islamic goodwill committee, saying that the Iraq-Iran war endangers the security of the whole region and might become a powerful cause of a world war emanating from the Gulf itself. The whole region is suffering from instability as a result of this war and, therefore, the Islamic nation has pinned great hopes on the committee that it would succeed in bringing about peace, harmony and stability in the Gulf region, said the paper. It advised both parties to exercise self-restraint and show patience in order to reach a mutually acceptable solution.

Concerned with the Lebanese situation, *Al Bilad* noted that the legal authority in Lebanon is exerting every effort to restore normalcy in the country and to allow the regular army to exercise its full authority in all parts of the country. But all its measures have exhausted and security conditions are continuously deteriorating in every street of Lebanon, it said. The paper highlighted some observers' view that the legal authority would have to confront every illegal authority now active in perpetuating terror in the country.

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Court blocks move by Trudeau

OTTAWA, Canada, April 1 (AP) — Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau's drive to bring the Canadian constitution home from Britain by July 1 has been dealt a setback by a provincial court which ruled he was acting illegally.

The Newfoundland Supreme Court of Appeal said Tuesday that Trudeau must have the consent of Canada's provinces to take any step that would alter the relationship between the provinces and the federal government.

The British House of Commons has held ultimate control of Canada's constitution, the British North America Act, ever since it adopted it in 1867. Trudeau wants the British parliament to surrender the constitution to Canada but first to amend it with two things on which the provincial governments have been unable to agree — a bill of rights and a procedure for amendments.

After unsuccessful negotiations with provincial premiers last year, Trudeau declared an impasse and announced he would petition Britain directly to amend the document and send it to Canada. But he was supported by only two of Canada's 10 provinces, and six have joined lawsuits to try to stop him.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has promised to endorse any proposal for "patriation," as sending the constitution to Canada is called, that clears the Canadian parliament. But British legislators have indicated they would be reluctant to approve a proposal that is not backed by the provinces.

After the adverse court ruling Tuesday, Trudeau offered to have the supreme court of Canada rule on the issue if parliament would first give his constitutional package its approval. Opposition leader Joe Clark, whose progressive Conservatives are blocking parliamentary action with a filibuster, refused. He said the legislators "can't be asked to pass a matter that has been declared illegal by a supreme court of a province."

Hostages return

JAKARTA, April 1 (R) — Thirty-seven exhausted but ecstatic hostages have returned here aboard the aircraft on which five hijackers had imprisoned them since last Saturday. Indonesian commandos stormed the Garuda Airways DC-9 in Bangkok early Tuesday rescuing 44 hostages and killing four or all five of the hijackers.

The pilot of the Indonesian plane, Capt. Hermann Rante, and one commando were seriously wounded in the raid but the rest of the passengers and crew escaped unscathed, according to Indonesian National Security chief Adm. Sudomo. The pilot and six foreign passengers stayed in Bangkok.



READY TO FLY: Edward Hulston, of Britain, is shown in a launch as he is taken to his plane, a refurbished Sunderland flying boat, in preparation for a flight to England by way to Bermuda and the Azores. Hulston bought and restored the 37-year-old aircraft and now plans to use it for expeditions to exotic sites by tourists. It is one of only two of its model that are in flying condition today.

Voyager discoveries Saturn data puzzles experts

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP) — Months after Voyager 1's spectacular visit to Saturn, scientists still are puzzled about the giant ringed planet and what the mountains of data they've got really mean. "We are still encountering things about Saturn that we don't understand," Dr. Bradford Smith told a U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration briefing on scientific results of the mission. "Most of what we don't understand is in the ring system," he said.

Some of Voyager's perplexing discoveries are that the large, solid rings are made up of thousands of thinner ones called ringlets. The prominent B-ring contains moving, spoke-like structures and the newly discovered F-ring consists of ringlets that appear to twist around each other. Smith, head of the team responsible for the 17,500 pictures sent back from Saturn, said "the problem is trying to apply the laws of physics to the conditions that exist near Saturn." Smith and other scientists noted that Saturn is very similar to

Jupiter, the other giant gaseous planet visited by unmanned Voyager spacecraft. Both planets have dark and light zones of moving gases, circulating storm regions and cloud markings.

But the smaller, colder Saturn's markings are muted by a thick haze layer above the cloud tops and wind speeds of up to 1,770 kph are substantially higher than on Jupiter, they said. Voyager 1, which made its closest encounter with Saturn last Nov. 12, discovered that the twisted F-ring is held together between the orbits of two small moons.

Voyager 1, which is on a course that will carry it out of the solar system, discovered or confirmed four new satellites, bringing the number of definite moons to 16. Other satellites still may be discovered or confirmed as scientists sift through other data from the mission. And a companion craft due to go by Saturn in August, Voyager 2, may unveil others, scientists said.

BRIEFS

NEW YORK, (R) — Dewitt Wallace, founder of the Reader's Digest, the world's most widely read magazine with a monthly circulation of 30.5 million copies in 163 countries, has died of pneumonia Monday, aged 91.

UNITED NATIONS, (AP) — British delegate Michael MacLay, reporting to the U.N. Special Committee on Decolonization Tuesday, said the big news from Pitcairn Island was that in the last year the population had gone up by two — making a total of 61. The tiny island, now a British colony, was settled in 1790 by mutineers from the British ship *Bounty* and some Tahitians they brought with them.

LONDON, (AP) — British playwright and

novelist Enid Bagnold, whose book *National Velvet* provided Elizabeth Taylor's first Hollywood role, died Tuesday, relatives said. She was 91.

WASHINGTON, (R) — Violent crime in the United States increased by 13 per cent in 1980 over the previous year, according to preliminary figures released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The overall crime rate rose by 20 per cent, according to the report, which was based on information from over 12,000 law enforcement agencies across the country.

LONDON, (AP) — Prince Charles won't have a best man at his July 29 wedding to Lady Diana Spencer. He'll have two official "supporters" — his younger brothers Prince Andrew and Prince Edward.

Obote prohibits weekly

For backing opposition

KAMPALA, Uganda, April 1 (Agencies) — The Uganda weekly newspaper *Topic* said in a front-page editorial Tuesday that it is being ordered to stop publication by the government. *Topic* supports the Uganda Patriotic Movement whose leader, former Defense Minister Yoweri Museveni, is waging a revolt to oust President Milton Obote. It started publication one month after the war that toppled Idi Amin.

The editorial quoted sources as saying that Minister of Internal Affairs Dr. John Luwuliza-Kirunda has already signed an order banning publication of *Topic* which is due to appear in the official Uganda gazette in a few days.

If banned, *Topic* would be the fifth weekly newspaper to be closed by the Obote government in the last two weeks. Its disappearance would leave only three weeklies on the market.

After Amin's ouster, Uganda had perhaps the freest press in Africa but the crackdown earlier this month on the English weeklies, *The Citizen* and *The Economy*, and the Luganda weeklies *Mulenga* and *Aga-Africa*, has cut the heart out of the free press here. *The Citizen* was the paper of the opposition Democratic Party and *The Economy* supported Yusufo Lule, the Conservative president who lasted two months after Amin was overthrown and then was forced out by Uganda opponents and Tanzania. Many leaders of the Uganda Patriotic Movement, which *Topic* supports, have been detained, the latest being the party's publicity secretary Bakulu Mpagi-Wamala.

Meanwhile, heavy firing around Kampala barracks Tuesday night sent residents run-

Two ships collide in Gulf of Mexico

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana, April 1 (AP) — A Japanese tanker loaded with caustic soda collided with a Greek freighter Tuesday in dense fog in the Gulf of Mexico, the U.S. Coast Guard reported. Both vessels were damaged and were taking on water, said Lt. Cmdr. Tom Pearson.

Pearson said an agent for the Japanese vessel contacted the Coast Guard and identified the vessel as the 333-foot *Snow Hill*, carrying a crew of 21. It was bound from Lake Charles, Louisiana, to Vera Cruz, Mexico, but turned back to Lake Charles after the collision. The Greek vessel was identified as the *Eugenie C*, an empty bulk carrier on its way to Houston, Texas.

The cause of the collision was not known, but Pearson said visibility was less than one-eighth mile with winds five to 10 mph. The collision happened just minutes before noon about 100 miles south of Cameron, Louisiana. A Coast Guard cutter and aircraft were sent to the scene, and the Exxon Florence, which was in the area, stood by while workers brought the leaks under control.

Atlanta toll mounts to 22

ATLANTA, Georgia, April 1 (AFP) — A boy whose body was found Tuesday in the Chattahoochee River is feared to be the 22nd black child to be murdered here in the past 20 months. The discovery of the body came only 24 hours after the finding of the 21st murder victim. Timothy Hill, 13, in the river three kms away but police said it had been there several days.

The special force of detectives set up to combat the wave of killings which has sowed panic among black parents in Atlanta was investigating the latest death Wednesday. The body, the fourth to be found in a local river, was spotted caught up in the roots of a tree, police said.

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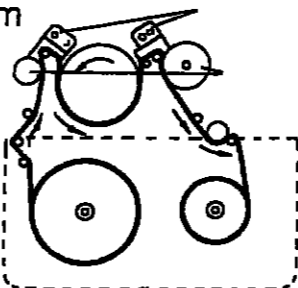
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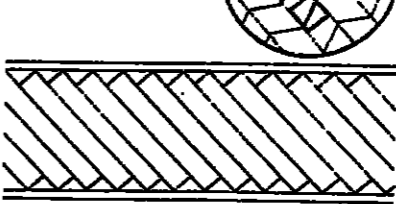
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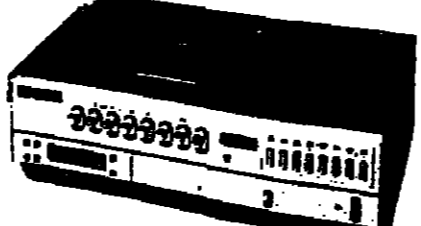
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Grants stopped

IDA coffers run dry as states delay funds

PARIS, April 1 (R) — The world body which gives easy loans to the poorest developing countries has said it will have to hold up the signing of new ones because governments have not come forward quickly enough with funds.

The International Development Association (IDA), the soft loan agency of the World Bank, said it would be unable to sign new agreements from Wednesday until it gets more funds from its members.

After two days of talks here, officials of 27 of the 33 IDA countries issued a statement expressing deep concern at the delay in raising new funds and at the fact that U.S. plans for aid are still pending in Congress which has not yet approved increased contributions.

The statement said "in the absence of United States authorization and appropriation, or of further voluntary contributions, IDA would have no further commitment authority commencing in April 1980." However World Bank officials said credit agreements already signed will be honored in full. The IDA lends money to the poorest developing countries without charging interest or only at minimal rates.

Last year IDA countries agreed in principle to provide \$12 billion for IDA lending during the three years up to mid-1983. But only 18 countries, accounting for \$598 billion, have so far authorized the new lending.

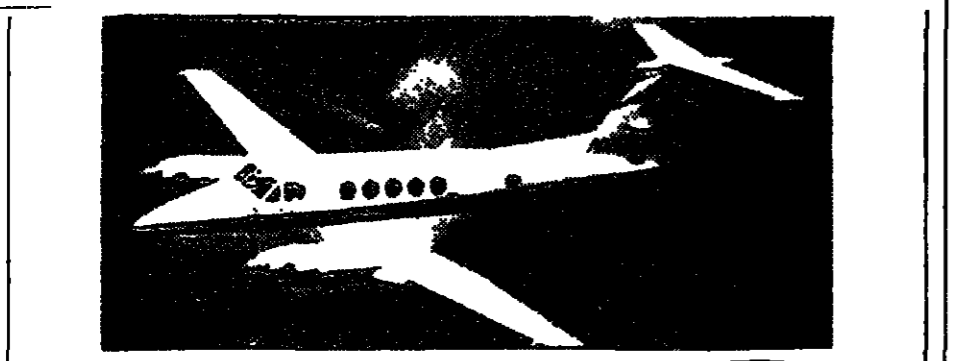
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Belgian Franc (1,000)	96.00	107.00	
Canadian Dollar	2.81	3.20	
Deutsche Mark (100)	158.00	161.25	160.25
Dutch Guilder (100)	142.00	145.00	144.60
Egyptian Pound	—	4.10	4.35
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	91.20	91.45
French Franc (100)	67.00	68.25	68.05
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Iraqi Dinar	—	8.00	—
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Jordanian Dinar	—	10.56	10.45
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.24	12.25
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	84.85	84.60
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	73.50	73.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.00
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FISHING GROUNDS: This forest of logs is the traditional fishing grounds on the banks of a river in Uganda. An African fisherman is seen placing baskets in position for the day's catch.

Bankers fail to strike deal on Polish debt

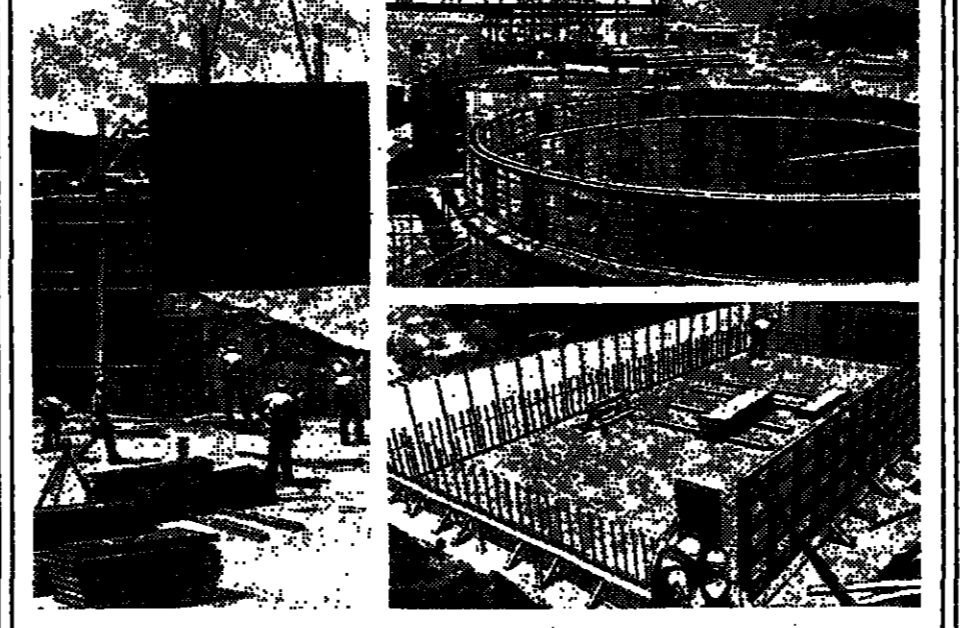
LONDON, April 1 (AP) — U.S. and other Western bankers have failed to hammer out an agreement on restructuring \$3.1 billion in Polish debts due this year. A communiqué said the bankers will continue negotiations with Poland, but are looking to Western creditor governments to find a solution. "Although the situation is difficult, the possibility of a satisfactory solution can only be achieved through calm and restrained discussions taking place on a continuing basis," the communiqué said.

Expect states to decide

West over the last decade to build up its economy, has a foreign debt of at least \$23.1 billion. Out of this, \$12.7 billion is owed to Western commercial banks about 10 per cent of it to U.S. banks. Earlier, Poland reiterated its request for a \$1 billion bridging loan from Western banks as a matter of urgency.

In Paris, meanwhile, French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing told Tuesday the visiting Polish Deputy Prime Minister M. Jagielski that France will give Poland 4,000 francs (\$800 million) in loans this year as it did last year.

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British bank foresees fall in economy

LONDON, April 1 (R) — The Bank of England has said that the British economy was likely to decline further during 1981. In its quarterly bulletin, the bank predicted that investment would continue to drop sharply, unemployment would rise and a combination of higher taxes, lost jobs and lower pay rises would hit consumer spending.

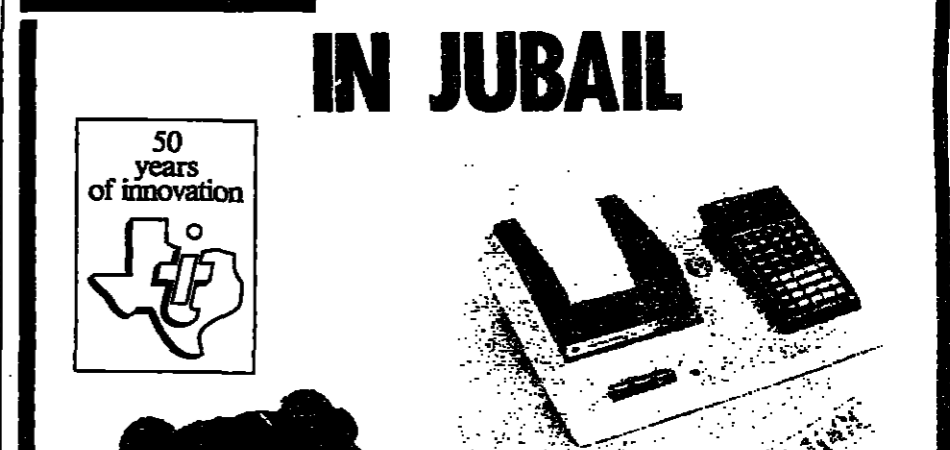
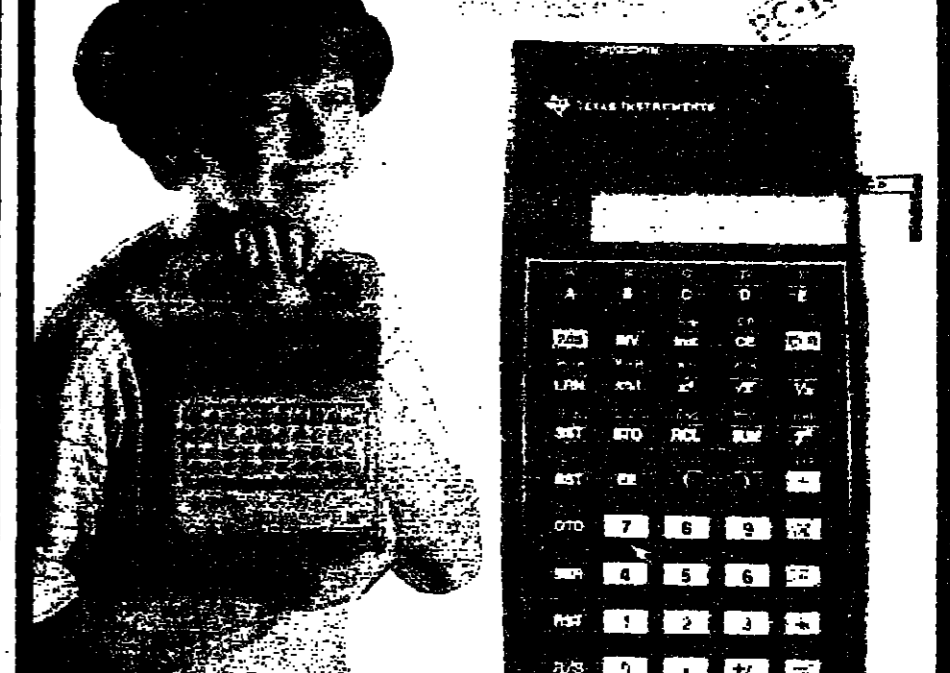
Bonn ups petrol price

BONN, April 1 (R) — West Germany raised the price of petrol by eight pfennings per liter (117 cents per gallon) Wednesday in what Finance Minister Hans-Martin Hofer called an attempt to promote energy saving.

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U.K. blocks accord on EEC farm prices

BRUSSELS, April 1 (AFP) — British objections Wednesday foiled a farm price agreement by the European Economic Community (EEC) covering the next agricultural year.

French Agriculture Minister Pierre Mehaugier said after an all-night session: "All the components of an agreement were in place early today, but Britain was against." Talks will resume later Wednesday. Britain has asked for the detailed figures implied in a compromise solution discussed during the night. Under this arrangement the average price rise would be nine per cent (milk nine per cent, beef 10 per cent, pork 11 per cent and grains 6.5 per cent). At the same time, West German monetary compensatory amounts (MCA's) would drop 3.3 per cent.

During negotiations, Britain opposed a cut in its MCA's and reductions in some production and consumption aid. Owing to

exchange rate movements, higher than average price rises are expected to be allowed for Italy, France, Denmark, Greece and Ireland.

Meanwhile, farmers seeking higher prices for their products clashed with police for the third straight day Wednesday outside an office building where ministers were holding talks.

Belgian gendarmes threw teargas canisters into a crowd of about 500 tomato, egg and rock-throwing protesters. In a replay of Tuesday's confrontation, the crowd dispersed temporarily, but filtered back to take up positions outside the Charlemagne building at EEC headquarters.

Dutch Farm Minister Gerrit Braks, chairman of the meeting, said ministers were trying to do the best they could for their individual countries and would not be swayed by the noisy demonstrations. "We don't take decisions under pressure from the streets," Braks said.

U.S. coal strike likely to drag on

WASHINGTON, April 1 (R) — A five-day-old strike by U.S. coal miners appeared certain to be prolonged as votes counted Tuesday night showed more than two to one against accepting a newly-negotiated three-year contract.

The 16,000-strong United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) called the strike last Friday when their previous contract expired before a new settlement had been ratified by the rank-and-file. Members voted Tuesday on a proposed new contract hammered out in protracted negotiations with the mine owners represented by the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association (BCOA).

A UMW spokesman said 656 local unions out of 757 had reported and been counted. There were 30,838 votes in favor of the contract and 67,750 against, he said.

The union spokesman said the vote had been most favorable in the Midwest and added: "We did the worst in Pennsylvania and West Virginia."

Riyal recovers ground

JEDDAH, April 1 — The dollar recovered somewhat on the European markets Wednesday after the confusion following the attempt on Reagan's life. The biggest gains were against the sterling and the French franc, but moderate gains were also registered against other European currencies. The slight strengthening was surprising to some financial observers as Eurodollar interest rates had eased slightly over Tuesday. One month Eurodollar deposit rates now stand at 13 1/2 — 13 3/4 per cent, but this seemingly low rate was also due to technical trading factors of having to deal for maturities falling over in New York.

Locally, the riyal market continued to recover, fairly quiet with liquidity still available. Dealers said riyal interest rates continued to remain unaffected by outside swings and they eased further to 10 1/2 to 10 3/4 per cent in the six month period and 13 to 13 1/2 per cent in the one year period.

The underlying yield cover for the riyal would suggest that lenders are preferring to lend — no longer fearing that interest rates will continue to fall. This is a reversal of the "unusual" yield cover for the riyal market.

where bankers often witnessed short-term interest rates to be higher than long-term deposit rates.

However, it is reported that excess liquidity is now available, this being a continuation of the bankers cutting down on previously held "long" dollar positions with the dealers in the value of that currency, and secondly, and of more importance, is ministry payments before the end of the local fiscal year in May.

Against the dollar, the exchange rate for the riyal fluctuated at levels of 3,349.00, or less, but again it was due to technical factor of borrowing a maturity.

With the easing of the Polish situation and with markets recovering from the after shock of the assassination bid, gold and silver fell sharply in New York from levels of \$514 per ounce to \$507 per ounce for gold. The European bullion markets at one stage took the price levels to \$505 before rallying to \$515 per ounce levels. Silver was quoted a \$12.15 per ounce in later afternoon trading.

The late afternoon trading rates for the dollar were as follows — sterling 2,346.0, Swiss franc 1,916.0, French franc 4,981.0, Mark 2,096.5, yen 211.60. Dealers attribute the relative stability of the dollar to the sentiment that President Reagan will now have a wider popular mandate to put through tough economic policies at home.

Oil market balanced, says IEA

PARIS, April 1 (AP) — The International Energy Agency, which represents all Western oil consuming countries except France, said Tuesday the world oil market now is generally balanced between supply and demand, but "remains highly fragile."

The IEA also said Western countries should begin building up their oil stocks during the second and third quarters of 1981 in anticipation of winter consumption.

"The oil market is now in much better balance than in December of 1980, and there are not at present any serious country or company imbalances," the IEA governing board said in a report issued from its Paris headquarters. "The overall situation nevertheless remains highly fragile due to uncertainties about oil availabilities and oil demand," the IEA added.

The agency said it would continue to monitor the market for changes in supply and demand and called on member countries to continue to supply information on oil stocks, consumption and oil purchases.

Some members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries cut production last year because of what they saw as a world "oil glut."

Taipei plans to install solar house this year

TAIPEI, April 1 (CNA) — The Energy Research Laboratories of the Industrial Technology Research Institute is planning to set up a demonstration solar house in nationalist China within the year.

In a package of projects submitted to the Ministry of Economic Affairs for approval, the research laboratories proposed to install a solar water heater, solar air-conditioning unit, solar refrigerator, and a solar lamp, all to be powered by photovoltaic cells.

Dr. Yeh Hsuan, head of the laboratories, indicated that the primary purpose behind the solar house is to develop a new technique for thermal insulation by which the energy needed for cooling conventional houses is reduced.

He also said that the location of the house is still undecided, but plenty of sunshine will be necessary, as will a low air pollution rate. The solar house is estimated to cost \$100,000.

Quit EEC, Chirac tells Britain

PARIS, April 1 (AFP) — Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac, a candidate in the French presidential election, has called on Britain to leave the European Economic Community (EEC).

Chirac, who is also mayor of Paris, attacked Britain's "tenacity and hypocrisy" over the Common Market, saying that in signing the treaty Britain had not respected its commitment to create a united Western Europe.

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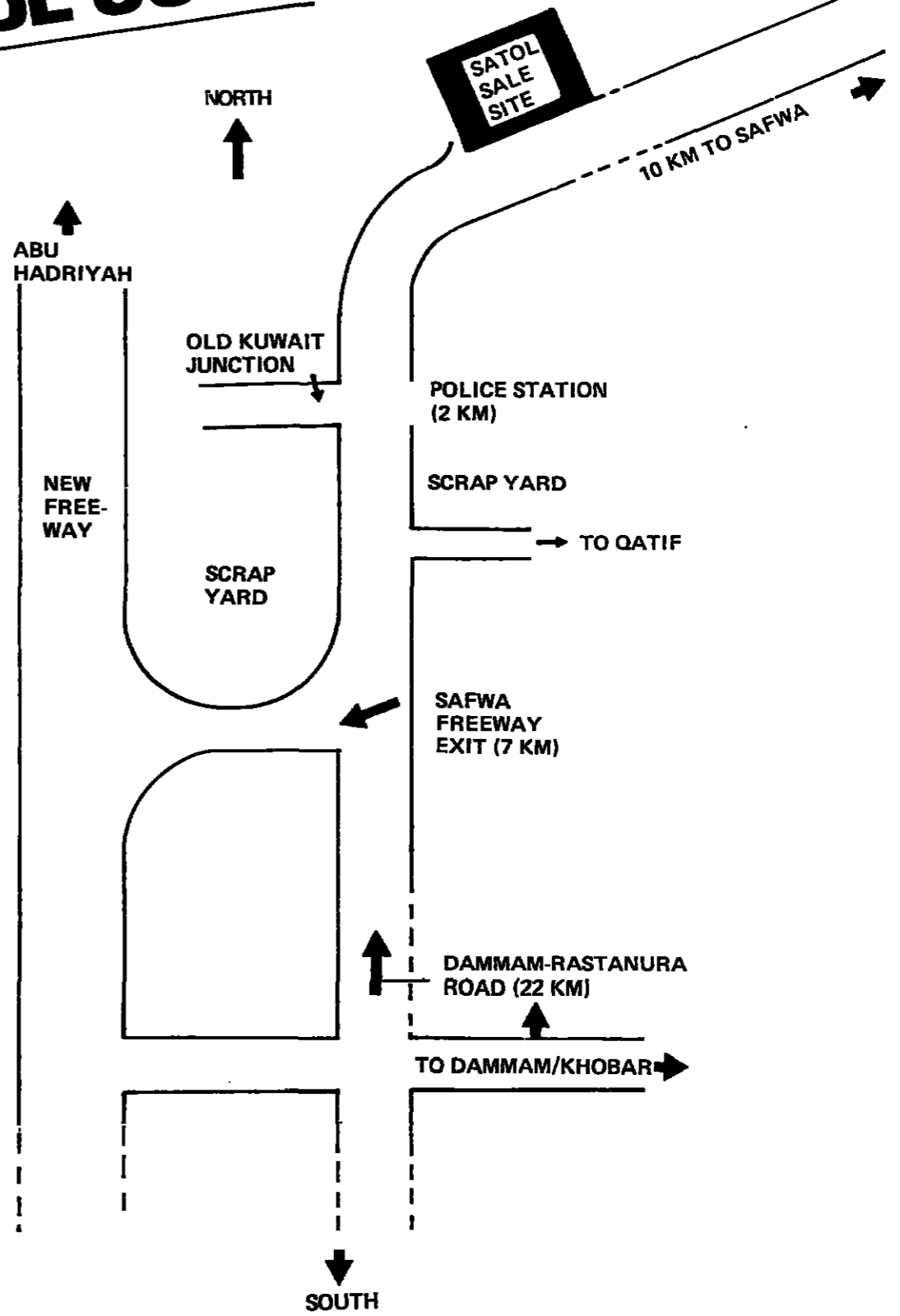
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